



RESOLUTION

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISES.

WHEREAS, Section 8-1.3(l), ROH, provides that the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services may compromise a claim relating to real property taxation not exceeding \$500.00 with the approval of the Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-1.3(l), ROH, also provides that the Director shall obtain the approval of the Council for claims which exceed \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, Marvin and Karen Okazaki own a condominium unit identified by TMK 210120040205 located at 1088 Bishop Street, Apt. 1806; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 16-61 set the real property tax rates for the 2016-2017 tax year, with a residential rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value and a hotel resort rate of \$12.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, for the tax year beginning July 1, 2016, the Okazaki's condominium unit was reclassified from residential to hotel resort and, as a result of the higher tax rate for the hotel resort classification, their tax bill increased from \$1,374.45 to \$5,246.43; and

WHEREAS, the Okazaki's condominium unit was rented to the same residential tenant from July 1, 2003, to June 1, 2015, and continues to be used for residential use; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-7.1(c)(3), ROH, provides that when real property is subdivided into condominium units, each unit and its appertaining common interest shall be classified upon consideration of the unit's actual use; and

WHEREAS, for the current tax year, the Okazaki's condominium unit's actual use is residential and the unit should have been classified as residential instead of hotel resort; and

WHEREAS, the City has, on occasion, granted real property tax compromises to address errors made by the City in making improper property tax reclassifications; and

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the ongoing financial hardship endured by the Okazaki family, the Council believes it is imperative that the tax liability for the Okazaki's condominium unit be compromised; now, therefore,



CITY COUNCIL
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No. 16-252

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services is urged to submit to the Council a request to grant a compromise of certain real property taxes owed by Marvin and Karen Okazaki for the condominium unit identified by TMK 210120040205 for the 2016-2017 tax year so that the taxes owed shall be for land classified at the residential instead of hotel tax rate; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Carol Fukumasa

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SEP 14 2016

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII
C E R T I F I C A T E

RESOLUTION 16-252

Introduced: 09/14/16 By: CAROL FUKUNAGA Committee: BUDGET

Title: RESOLUTION RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISES.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

09/21/16	BUDGET	CR-304 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
10/05/16	COUNCIL	CR-304 AND RESOLUTION 16-252 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER